Dispatch

# INSTITUTE HELD BY VIRGINIA FARMERS

Brief Review of the Great Convention of the Past Week.

### THE YOUNG FARMERS WITH NOTE-BOOKS

Institute Standing on Firm Foundation-Virginia as Good Grass and Cattle Land as Kentucky. Agriculture the State's Mainstay-Conditions Improving.

I have in my earlier days, much earlier, done a few stunts behind a plow and on id-fashioned weeding hoe, in some very warm lowgrounds in the backwoods of North Carolina, but I never did agr.cultural work in quite as hot a field as was the Jefferson auditorium during the days of the convention. But they were unusually hot dolng husiness in the auditorium, and some mighty warm speeches were being made.

The discussions of the various topics claiming the attention of the institute were able and informing, and that is what they were for.

Farmers are seeking information, and there never was a time in the history of Virginia when there was such a determination as now to-make many blades of grass grow where only a few flourished under other conditions. The talks made and the papers read were well calculated to bring about just this kind of a result, and it was inspiring to note the close attention the horny-handed some of toil gave to these papers.

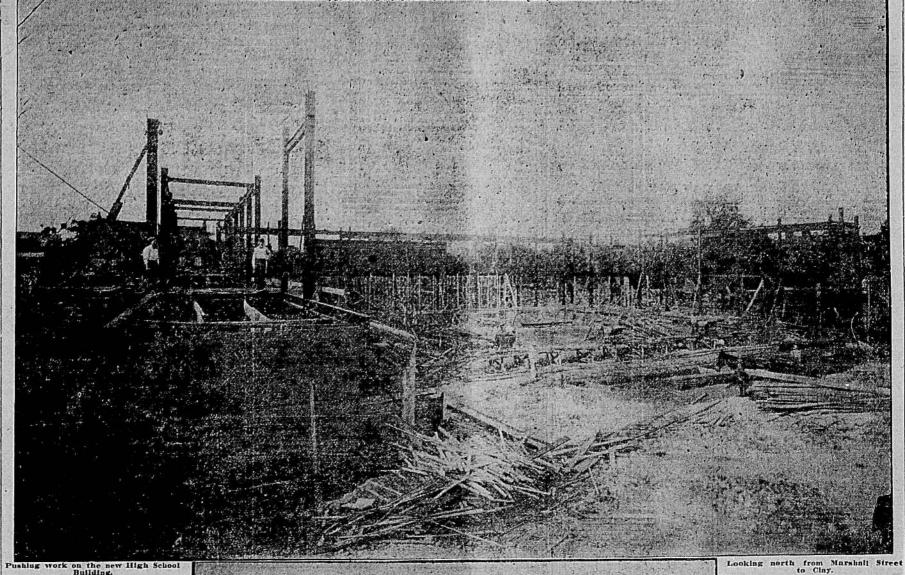
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College men always take notes, but never saw farmers do it before. I ave attended farmers' meetings, when gents of the agricultural departments of the general government and of the tates, and professors from agricultural schools and colleges were on and to talk knowingly and lecture cientifically about farming, and I have officed old practical tillers of the soil um up their noses and in other ways xpress disgust at "book farming" there was nothing of the kind-in this neeting. The farmers there were taken notice and getting a lot of internal contracts.

# BUSY BUILDING SCENES OF MIDSUMMER IN RICHMOND



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# CITY AND SUBURBAN REAL ESTATE NOTES

Agents Rather Welcome the Midsummer Lull in Business That's Now On.

## RICHMOND PEOPLE ARE TRAVELING NOW

Folks Mostly Interested in the Real Estate Market Are Sight-Seeing All Over the World. This Helps to Explain the Dull-

Frank Carpenter Pictures the Marvelous Progress in South Africa.

Marriage a Matter of Bargain and Sale-Tests of Witchcraft

and Terrible Punishment.

THE NATIVES LIVE

BY FRANK G. CARPENTER, Bulawayo. Stand with me in the public square Bulawayo in front of the bronze tue of Cecil Rhodes, and take a